

TRANSFORMATION

OF THE GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE CONTINUES

by Amy Frankmann

As we entered Phase Two of the Governor's Residence project, the work and amount of materials still needed was staggering. In fact, so staggering that I wondered if we'd be able to do it. But once again, when I put out a call for help this great industry that I work for came through. Not only did we again have the support of all seven of our regional chapters, the MNLA staff, and Michigan State University with labor and/or material donations, but also our partner organizations the Michigan Christmas Tree Association, the Michigan Irrigation Association, and our newest partner, the Michigan Chapter of the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute (ICPI).





Phase Two Project Highlights

The Michigan Chapter of the ICPI was contacted to help with the acquisition and installation of concrete pavers and retaining walls. The project consisted of two separate areas, an 1800 sq. ft. patio and herb/rose garden with 100 sq. ft. of retaining wall, and a pergola area with 500 sq. ft. of pavers and 200 sq. ft. of retaining wall for a reflecting pool.

ICPI members Fendt Builders Supply, Unilock of Michigan, and Oaks Concrete Products supplied the hardscape materials. Martin Block Corporation supplied Sand for the bedding layer, and the aggregate for the base was supplied by David Dadobinac of the Edward C. Levy Company. Construction was completed by Soulliere Decorative Stone in just two days. The project was coordinated and supervised by Scott Palmer, president of

the Michigan Chapter of the ICPI.

The mission of the Great Lakes Chapter of the ICPI is to promote the standardization of specifications and installation of concrete pavers to its members through awareness and education. The ICPI works closely with the specifiers and designers of paving stone projects to ensure proper materials and installation procedures are used. The ICPI also holds certification classes for contractors and will have a course on proper base applications and materials in the near future.

The Michigan Christmas Tree Association was contacted to help with the acquisition of a variety of conifers. Over seven different species were donated by Korson's, Mathisen's, and Western's Tree Farms and installed by Michigan State University's Department of Horticulture students (Jack Fitzsimmons,

Andrew Ferrara, Liz Dafoe, Nick Angell, Justin Reed, Jeff Huyser).

The Michigan Irrigation Association (MIA) was contacted to help with the acquisition and installation of the site's irrigation system. MIA President Mark Attard led the effort with eight of his members who donated all materials and completed the installation in less than two days!

I've spoken directly with the Governor and her staff and she is extremely pleased with the transformation. Some of the biggest changes took place while they were away at the Democratic Convention. It was exciting to witness the reactions of Governor Granholm and First Gentlemen Dan Mulhern as they returned to find a whole new landscape. It seems that one of the Governor's favorite areas is the Herb and Rose Garden, a beautiful paved area with



retaining walls and roses hand chosen and delivered by Nancy Lindley of Great Lakes Roses and herbs from Karen Bovio of Specialty Growers. The herbs will be used in preparing meals for the

First Family for years to come.

These are all of the dedicated firms and individuals that donated plant material, supplies, equipment and/or labor to complete Phase Two of this

project. I personally give each of them my heartfelt gratitude and thanks for understanding the importance of this project and how it will raise recognition of the green industry for years to come.

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Twin Lakes Nursery, Inc. – John Versluys
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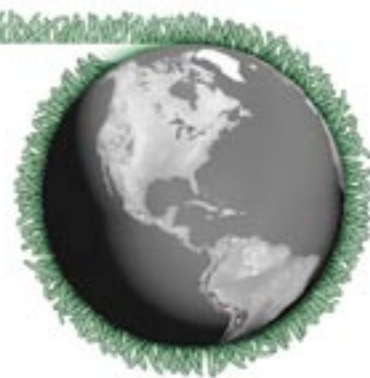
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